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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #2 regarding the acquisition and disposition of City owned property, please be advised of the following:

Since 1944, the City has disposed of approximately 6,038,498 square feet and acquired 7,200,798 square feet of property, resulting in a **net gain** of 1,162,300 square feet (27 acres) of land. It should be noted that almost a million square feet of the land sold by the City was transferred to other public agencies and remains public land.

Highlights of the acquisitions over the last fifty years include:

- * 3,262,992 square feet (75 acres) from the New England Brick Company for what is now Danehy Park/St. Peter's Field and environs;
- * 113,054 sf (2.6 acres) from the Boston and Maine Railroad for First Street;
- * 117,914 sf (2.7 acres) from the Boston and Maine Railroad for Fawcett Street; and
- * 260,024 sf (6 acres) from numerous entities for the Gore Street Playground and environs.
- * 53,006 from Harvard for Sacramento Park.

Highlights of the dispositions include:

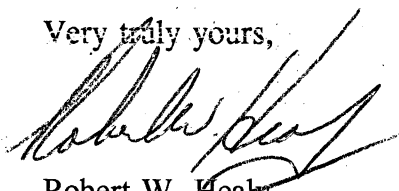
- * over 875,850 square feet of land transferred to other public agencies for public purposes (i.e. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, MBTA);

- * over 80,602 sf transferred to non-profit housing developers for the development of affordable housing;
- * 225,828 sf to the Sancta Maria Hospital; and
- * A 32 acre gravel pit in Acton (in 1949).

Please note that these figures are approximate. Unfortunately on some acquisitions and dispositions, square footage figures are not listed on the deed transfer; it would require an enormous level of analysis to estimate areas for all of these transfers.

Details of these land transfers are available, if desired.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Kealy", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Kealy
City Manager

Consent Agenda # 4 S-193

Awaiting Report Item Number 2, regarding
the acquisition and disposition of City
owned property.

*for original see 1994 City
Manager's Request #33*

In City Council,

May 2, 1994

Placed on file.